

# Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List – Over the Counter Drugs

January 1, 2022

# **Revision History**

Drug Name	Description	Policy Effective Date
Ibuprofen	Tablets (200 mg) & suspension	November 1, 2021
	(100 mg/5 ml) added.	
Sennosides	Added to CDL.	December 1, 2021
Ketotifen Fumarate	Added to CDL.	December 1, 2021
Fexofenadine	Added to CDL.	January 1, 2022
Docusate sodium	Additional formulation (enema)	January 1, 2022
	added to CDL with labeler	
	restriction (17433).	
Docusate sodium/	Added to CDL with labeler	January 1, 2022
benzocaine	restriction (17433).	
Benzoyl Peroxide	Additional formulation (wash)	January 1, 2022
	added to CDL.	

This section lists the drug products and units of measure for Over-the-Counter (OTC) contract drugs. OTC drugs are included in the per-diem rate for beneficiaries in nursing facilities, including subacute patients. With the exception of insulin, providers cannot separately bill any OTC drugs for beneficiaries in these facilities. For additional help, refer to the Contract Drugs List (CDL) section of the *Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual*.

On March 24, 2011, legislation was passed in California eliminating OTC cough and cold products as a covered pharmacy benefit. As a result of this legislation, effective March 1, 2012, OTC cough and cold products are not a benefit of the Medi-Cal program. Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) eligible beneficiaries are exempt from this benefit elimination.

**Restriction**: All OTC antihistamines, OTC decongestants, and OTC antihistamine/decongestant combination drug products are restricted to individuals 2 years of age and older. This age restriction is based on current Federal Drug Administration (FDA) recommendations. Authorization is required for individuals under 2 years of age.



Drug Name	Dosage	Strength/ Package Size	Billing Unit	UM Type	Code 1
		ANALGESICS: NON-NAF	COTICS		
Acetaminophen	Tablets or	325 mg	ea	AL	
	Capsules	500 mg	ea		
	Tablets, Extended Release	650 mg	ea		
	Tablets, chewable	160 mg	ea		
	Liquid *	160 mg/5 ml	ml		* Restricted to individuals
		60 ml	ml		younger than 21 years of age for
		120 ml	ml		the liquid and drops only.
		240 ml	ml		
		480 ml	ml		
	Drops *	100 mg/ml	ml		
	Suppositories	80 mg	ea		
		120 mg	ea		
		325 mg	ea		



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Aspirin	Tablets or	325 mg	ea		
	capsules	650 mg	ea		
	Tablets or capsules, buffered	325 mg	ea		
	E.C. pellet capsules	81 mg	ea		
	E.C. tablets	81 mg	ea		
		325 mg	ea		
		650 mg	ea		
	Chewable tablet	81 mg	ea		
Ibuprofen	Tablets	200 mg	ea		
	Suspension	100 mg/5 ml	ml		
	Al	NTI-INFECTIVES: ANTHEL	.MINTICS		
Pyrantel Pamoate	Liquid		ml		



Drug Name	Dosage	Strength/ Package Size	Billing Unit	UM Type	Code 1
	AUT	ONOMIC DRUGS: ANTIA:	STHMATI	CS	
Epinephrine	Inhalation	1:44 to 1:50	ml		
		1:100	ml		
	AL	JTONOMIC DRUGS: ANTI	-EMETICS	5	
Meclizine	Tablets		ea		
	Tablets, chewable		ea		
	AUT	ONOMIC DRUGS: ANTIH	ISTAMIN	ES	
Brompheniramine	Liquid		ml	AL	* Restricted to individuals 2
Maleate *					years of age and older.
Cetirizine HCI	Tablets	5 mg	ea		
		10 mg	ea		
	Liquid	1 mg/1 ml	ml		
Chlorpheniramine	Liquid, syrup		ml	AL	* Restricted to individuals 2
Maleate *					years of age and older
	Tablets	4 mg	ea		



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Dexbrompheniramine	Tablets		ea	AL	* Restricted to individuals 2
Maleate *					years of age and older.
	Tablets, chewable		ea		
	Liquid		ml		
Diphenhydramine	Capsules	25 mg	ea	AL	* Restricted to use in the
Hydrochloride *		50 mg	ea		treatment of allergies or allergic
	Liquid or syrup	12.5 mg/5 ml	ml		conditions only and to
					individuals 2 years of age and
	Tablets	25 mg	ea		older.
		50 mg	ea		
Fexofenadine	Tablets	180 mg	ea		
Loratadine *	Tablets	10 mg	ea	AL	* Restricted to individuals 2
	Liquid	5 mg/5 ml	ml		years of age and older.
Triporolidine *	Drops		ml	AL	* Restricted to individuals 2
	Syrup		ml		years of age and older.



Drug Name	Dosage	Strength/ Package Size	Billing Unit	UM Type	Code 1
	E	BLOOD MODIFIERS: HEMA	ATINICS		
Ferrous Sulfate	Tablets	200 mg 325 mg	ea ea		
	Drops	15 mg/0.6 ml	ml		
	Liquid	15 mg	ml		
		DILUENT			
Propylene glycol	Liquid		ea		
	GASTRO-INTES	STINAL DRUGS: ANTACIE	S AND A	DSORBI	ENTS
Aluminum and magnesium hydroxide	Tablets		ea		
gel	Tablets double strength		ea		
Aluminum Hydroxide	Liquid Tablets	80 mg-20 mg	ml ea		
and Magnesium		160 mg-40 mg	ea		
Trisilicate gel	Liquid		ml		



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Aluminum Hydroxide	Tablets or	325 mg	ea		
gel	capsules	475-500 mg	ea		
		650 mg	ea		
	Liquid		ml		
Aluminum Hydroxide,	Tablets	200 mg-200 mg-20 mg	ea		
Magnesium		200 mg-200 mg-25 mg	ea		
Hydroxide, and		240 mg-240 mg-20 mg	ea		
Simethicone		300 mg-200 mg-25 mg	ea		
		400 mg-400 mg-30 mg	ea		
	Liquid	200 mg-200 mg-20 mg	ml		
		/5 ml			
		200 mg-200 mg-25 mg	ml		
		/5 ml			
		225 mg-200 mg-25 mg	ml		
		/5 ml			
		240 mg-240 mg-20 mg	ml		
		/5 ml			
		300 mg-200 mg-25 mg	ml		
		/5 ml			



Drug Name	Dosage	Strength/ Package Size	Billing Unit	UM Type	Code 1
(continued)		400 mg-400 mg-30 or	ml		
		40 mg/5 ml			
		500 mg-450 mg-40 mg	ml		
		/5 ml			
Calcium Carbonate	Tablets		ea		
and Magnesium					
Carbonate					
	GASTRO-IN	TESTINAL DRUGS: ANTI-I	DIARRHE	A AGEN	TS
Bismuth Subsalicylate	Tablets	262 mg	ea		
	Tablets, chewable	262 mg	ea		
	Liquid	262 mg/15 ml	ml		
		524 mg/15 ml	ml		
		525 mg/15 ml	ml		
	GAS	TRO-INTESTINAL DRUGS:	LAXATIV	'ES	
Bisacodyl	Suppositories +	10 mg	ea		
Docusate sodium	Capsules +	100 mg	ea		
		250 mg	ea		



Drug Name	Dosage	Strength/ Package Size	Billing Unit	UM Type	Code 1				
(continued)	Enema *	100 mg/5 ml	ea	LR	* Restricted to NDC labeler code				
		283 mg/5 ml (5 ml x 5)	ea		17433 for rectal enemas only.				
Docusate sodium/	Enema	283 mg-20 mg/5 ml	ea	LR	* Restricted to NDC labeler code				
benzocaine *		(5ml x 5)			17433.				
Polyethylene glycol	Powder	238 gm	gm						
3350		510 gm	gm						
Sennosides	Tablets	8.6 mg	ea						
	HORMONES: CONTRACEPTIVES								
Levonorgestrel	Tablets	1.5 mg *	ea	QL	* Restricted to a maximum quantity of one tablet per dispensing with a maximum of six dispensings in any 12-month period and to use in females only.				
Nonoxynol 9 contraceptive products	Cream with applicator		gm						
	Refill		gm						



Drug Name	Dosage	Strength/ Package Size	Billing Unit	UM Type	Code 1
(continued)	Foam with		gm		
	applicator				
	Refill		gm		
	Jelly with		gm		
	applicator				
	Refill		gm		
	Suppositories		ea		
	With applicator		ea		
	Without		ea		
	applicator				



Drug Name	Dosage	Strength/ Package Size	Billing Unit	UM Type	Code 1
		HORMONES: HYPOGLY	CEMICS		
Insulin	Injections: Lente,	40 Units/ml 10 ml	ml		A separately payable benefit for
	NPH, Protamine	80 Units/ml 10 ml	ml		beneficiaries in nursing facilities,
	Zinc, Semilente,	100 Units/ml 10 ml	ml		including subacute patients.
	Ultralente				
	Lente, NPH,	100 Units/ml 10 ml	ml		
	Protamine Zinc				
	(purified pork)				
	Regular	40 Units/ml 10 ml	ml		
		80 Units/ml 10 ml	ml		
		100 Units/ml 10 ml	ml		
	Regular	100 Units/ml 10 ml	ml		
	(purified pork)				
	Globin	40 Units/ml 10 ml	ml		
		80 Units/ml 10 ml	ml		
		100 Units/ml 10 ml	ml		



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Insulin (human)	Injections:				A separately payable benefit for
	Regular	100 Units/ml	ml		beneficiaries in nursing facilities,
	Lente	100 Units/ml	ml		including subacute patients.
	NPH	100 Units/ml	ml		
	NPH 50 % and Regular 50 %	100 Units/ml	ml		
	NPH 70 % and Regular 30 %	100 Units/ml	ml		
	Ultralente	100 Units/ml	ml		
META	ABOLIC SUPPLEMEN	TS: CALCIUM SUPPLEME	NTS AND	VITAM	IN D ANALOGS
Calcium Carbonate	Tablets or	650 mg	ea		
	capsules	1250 mg	ea		
Calcium Gluconate	Tablets or wafers	325 mg	ea		
		500 mg	ea		
		650 mg	ea		
		1 gm	ea		
Calcium Lactate	Tablets	325 mg	ea		
		650 mg	ea		



Drug Name	Dosage	Strength/ Package Size	Billing Unit	UM Type	Code 1
	ME	TABOLIC SUPPLEMENTS:	VITAMIN	IS	
Folic acid *	Tablets	400 μg (0.4mg)	ea	AL	* Restricted to females, ages 14 through 45 years, to prevent neural tube defects in current and future pregnancies only.
Pyridoxine	Tablets	10 mg 25 mg 50 mg 100 mg	ea ea ea		
Sodium Fluoride *	Tablets +  Chewable tablets +  Drops Solution (does not include rinses)	2.2 mg  0.25 (0.55) mg  0.50 (1.1) mg  1.0 (2.2) mg	ea ea ea ml ml	QL	*Not subject to the 100 maximum calendar day supply limitation.



Drug Name	Dosage	Strength/ Package Size	Billing Unit	UM Type	Code 1
Vitamins A, D, and C	Chewable	100's	ea	AL	Reimbursable for children up to
with Sodium	tablets +				the 5th birthday only.
Fluoride †					
	Drops	50 ml	ml†		
Vitamins A, D, C	Drops	30 m	ml	AL	Reimbursable for children up to
		50 ml	ml		the 5th birthday only.
	Chewable tablets		ea		
Vitamins A, D, C	Drops	50 ml	ml	AL	Reimbursable for children up to
with iron					the 5th birthday only.
Vitamins-mineral *	Tablets or	Combination product,	ea		*Restricted to use by an
	capsules	prenatal			expectant female with
					confirmed positive pregnancy
		Nonprescription only			test conducted by her physician.
					(1) The nonprescription prenatal
					product tablet or capsule shall
					contain the following:
					(A) Not less than one-half nor
					more than the U.S.
					Recommended Dietary
					Allowance for pregnant women



Drug Name	Dosage	Strength/ Package Size	Billing Unit	UM Type	Code 1
(continued)					based on dietary standards
					established by the National
					Academy of Sciences,
					Washington, D.C., 1980 of
					vitamins A (e.g., 5,000 IU) and
					vitamin D (e.g., 400 IU).
					(B) Not less than one-half nor
					more than twice the U.S.
					Recommended Dietary
					Allowance for pregnant women
					as established by the National
					Academy of Sciences,
					Washington, D.C., 1980, of
					vitamins B1, (e.g., 1.5 mg), B2
					(e.g., 1.6 mg), B6 (e.g., 2.6 mg),
					B12 (e.g., 4 mcg), C (e.g., 80 mg)
					and B3 Niacin (e.g., 16 mg).
					(C) Not less than the equivalent
					of 200mg elemental Calcium,
					and 30 mg elemental Iron.
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Drug Name	Dosage	Strength/ Package Size	Billing Unit	UM Type	Code 1
(continued)					(2) The nonprescription prenatal
					product may contain the
					following:
					(A) Up to the U.S.
					Recommended Dietary
					Allowance for pregnant women
					based on dietary standards
					established by the National
					Academy of Sciences,
					Washington, D.C., 1980 of
					vitamin E (e.g., 15 IU), Folic Acid
					(e.g., 0.8 mg), Phosphorus (e.g.,
					1200 mg), Magnesium (e.g., 450
					mg), except for lodine (200
					mcg), and Zinc (25 mg).
M	ISCELLANEOUS: AN	TIHISTAMINE AND DECO	NGESTAI	NT COM	IBINATIONS
Dexbrompheniramine	Tablets		ea	AL	* Restricted to individuals 2
Maleate/					years of age and older.
Phenylephrine *	Liquid		ml		



Drug Name	Dosage	Strength/ Package Size	Billing Unit	UM Type	Code 1
Doxylamine	Tablets		ea	AL	*Restricted to individuals 2 years
Succinate/					of age and older.
Phenylephrine *					
Doxylamine	Liquid		ml	AL	*Restricted to individuals 2 years
Succinate/					of age and older.
Pseudoephedrine *					
Phenylephrine	Solution		ml	AL	* Restricted to individuals 2
Hydrochloride/					years of age and older.
Brompheniramine					
Maleate *					
Phenylephrine	Liquid		ml	AL	* Restricted to individuals 2
Hydrochloride/	Tablets		ea		years of age and older.
Chlorpheniramine					
Maleate *					
Phenylephrine	Liquid, Solution		ml	AL	* Restricted to individuals 2
Hydrochloride/	Tablets		ea		years of age and older.
Diphenhydramine					
Hydrochloride *					
Phenylephrine	Tablets		ea	AL	* Restricted to individuals 2
Hydrochloride/					years of age and older.
Pyrilamine Maleate *					



Drug Name	Dosage	Strength/ Package Size	Billing Unit	UM Type	Code 1
Phenylephrine	Liquid, Solution	10 – 2.5 mg/5 ml	ml	AL	* Restricted to individuals 2
Hydrochloride/					years of age and older.
Triprolidine *	Tablets	10 mg/2.5 mg	ea		
Pseudoephedrine	Liquid		ml	AL	* Restricted to individuals 2
hydrochloride/					years of age and older.
brompheniramine					
maleate *					
Pseudoephedrine	Liquid, syrup		ml	AL	* Restricted to individuals 2
hydrochloride/					years of age and older.
chlorpheniramine	Tablets		ea		
maleate *					
Pseudoephedrine	Solution		ml	AL	* Restricted to individuals 2
hydrochloride/					years of age and older.
dexbrompheniramine	Tablets		ea		
maleate *					
Pseudoephedrine	Liquid, syrup		ml	AL	Restricted to individuals 2 years
Hydrochloride/					of age and older.
Triprolidine	Tablets		ea		
Hydrochloride *					
Triprolidine/	Tablets		ea	AL	* Restricted to individuals 2
Phenylephrine *					years of age and older.



Drug Name	Dosage	Strength/ Package Size	Billing Unit	UM Type	Code 1
Triprolidine/	Tablets		ea	AL	* Restricted to individuals 2
Pseudoephedrine *	Syrup		ml		years of age and older.
	MISCELLANEOUS:	BRONCHO-PULMONAR	Y SECRET	ION MC	DDIFIERS
Sodium Chloride for Inhalation	Solution	0.9 %	ml		
	Aerosol solution	0.9 %	ml		
	MI	SCELLANEOUS: DECONG	ESTANTS		
Phenylephrine	Solution		ml	AL	* Restricted to individuals 2
Hydrochloride*	Tablets	10 mg	ea		years of age and older.
Pseudoephedrine	Liquid, syrup	15 mg/5 ml	ml	AL	* Restricted to individuals 2
hydrochloride *		30 mg/5 ml	ml		years of age and older.
	Tablets,	30 mg	ea		
	immediate	60 mg	ea		
	release				



Drug Name	Dosage	Strength/ Package Size	Billing Unit	UM Type	Code 1
	MISCE	LLANEOUS: ELECTROLYT	E SOLUTI	ONS	
Electrolytes, oral maintenance	Composition	Sodium - 40 to 60 mEq/L Potassium - 20mEq/L Anions Carbohydrate- Glucose/dextrose 2.0% (20 gm/L) to 2.5% (25 gm/L)	ml		
	Liquid, ready-to- use	480 ml and above			
	MISC	ELLANEOUS: SMOKING I	DETERREN	NTS	
Nicotine *	Transdermal system	7 mg/24 hr 14 mg/24 hr 21 mg/24 hr	ea ea ea	QL	* To be part of comprehensive smoking cessation treatment, which includes behavioral modification support. Also restricted to (1) a maximum quantity of 28 patches per dispensing; (2) one dispensing in any 25-day period; and (3)



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(continued)					eight dispensings within a 12-
					month period.
					<b>Note</b> : Pharmacies no longer
					need to obtain or verify a letter
					or certificate prior to dispensing.
					<b>Note</b> : Refer to the
					Reimbursement section of this
					manual for reimbursement
					guidelines and details
					concerning the use of smoking
					cessation products during
					pregnancy for fee-for-service
					Medi-Cal patients.
Nicotine Polacrilex *	Gum	2 mg	ea	QL	* To be part of comprehensive
		4 mg	ea		smoking cessation treatment,
					which includes behavioral
	Lozenges	2 mg	ea		modification support. Also
		4 mg	ea		restricted to (1) a maximum
					quantity of 220 lozenges or
					pieces of gum per dispensing;
					(2) one dispensing in any 25-day



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(continued)					period; and (3) therapy lasting
					up to 28 weeks from the
					dispensing date of the first
					prescription.
					<b>Note:</b> Pharmacies no longer
					need to obtain or verify a letter
					or certificate prior to dispensing.
					<b>Note:</b> Refer to the
					Reimbursement section of this
					manual for reimbursement
					guidelines and details
					concerning the use of smoking
					cessation products during
					pregnancy for fee-for-service
					Medi-Cal patients.
		NASAL CORTICOSTER	OIDS		
Fluticasone Furoate	Nasal spray	27.5 mcg/actuation	ml		
		9.9 ml	ml		
		15.8 ml			



Drug Name	Dosage	Strength/ Package Size	Billing Unit	UM Type	Code 1
Fluticasone	Nasal spray	50 mcg/actuation	ml		
Propionate		9.9 ml	ml		
		15.8 ml			
	OPHTHALMIC P	REPARATIONS: OPHTHA	LMIC ANT	THISTA	MINES
Ketotifen Fumarate	Ophthalmic drops	0.025 %	ml		
	OPHTHALMIC P	REPARATIONS: OPHTHA	LMIC MIS	CELLAN	IEOUS
Sodium Chloride	Ophthalmic	5 %	gm		
Ophthalmic	ointment				
	Ophthalmic	2 %	ml		
	solution	5 %	ml		
Tyloxapol with	Ophthalmic	0.25 %-0.02 % /15 ml	ml		
Benzalkonium	solution				
Chloride					
T	OPICAL AND LOCAL	PREPARATIONS: DERMA	TOLOGIC	AL PRE	PARATIONS
Aluminum Acetate	Tablets		ea		
	Liquid solution –		ml		
	not lotion				
	Powder packets	12s	ea		
		100s	ea		



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Bacitracin/Bacitracin	Topical ointment	15 gm	gm		
Zinc		30 gm	gm		
		120 gm	gm		
Benzoyl Peroxide	Gel	5 %	gm		
		10 %	gm		
	Wash	5 %	gm		
		10 %	gm		
Calamine Lotion			ml		
Hydrocortisone	Cream	0.5 %	gm		
		1 %	gm		
	Ointment	0.5 %	gm		
		1 %	gm		
	Lotion	0.5 %	ml		
		1 %	ml		
Permethrin	Cream rinse	1 % 60 ml	ml		
Polymyxin, b sulfate	Ointment	10,000U-500U/gm	gm		
and bacitracin zinc		10,000U-500U/gm	gm		
Pyrethrins, Piperonyl	Liquid	60 ml	ml		
Butoxide, Petroleum		120 ml	ml		
Distillate					



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Tolnaftate	Liquid	1 %		ml			
	Cream	1 %		gm			
TOPICAL AND LOCAL PREPARATIONS: VAGINAL PREPARATIONS							
Butoconazole Nitrate	Vaginal cream (prefilled applicator)	2 %		gm			
Clotrimazole	Vaginal cream	1 % 2 %		gm gm			
	Vaginal tablets	100 mg	7s	ea			
	Topical cream	1 %		gm			
	Topical lotion	1 %	30 ml	ml			
	Topical solution	1 %	10 ml 30 ml	ml ml			



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Miconazole Nitrate	Topical cream	2 %	gm		
	Vaginal suppositories	100 mg 7's	ea		
	Vaginal cream	2 %	gm		
	Dual package	(Topical cream 2%,	ea		
		3 vaginal suppositories	package		
		200 mg)			



DOS Drugs/No Longer MFGR	Strength	End Date
Aluminum Carbonate gel, basic	Capsules equivalent to 500	These products
	mg aluminum hydroxide,	are no longer
	Tablets equivalent to 500 mg	manufactured or
	aluminum hydroxide,	available.
	Suspension equivalent to 400	
	mg aluminum hydroxide per	
	5cc.	
Coal Tar	Cream or ointment	These products
		are no longer
		manufactured or
		available.
Dicalcium Phosphate with or	Capsules, tablets, or wafers	These products
without vitamin D	105 mg	are no longer
		manufactured or
		available.
Ferrous Sulfate suspension	15 mg/1.5 mg (118ml)	Suspension drops.
drops		Suspended until
		further notice.
Levonorgestrel	Tablets: 0.75 mg	9/30/2015
Liquor Carbonis Detergens		This product is no
		longer
		manufactured or
		available.
Naphazoline HCL and	Ophthalmic solution 0.05 % –	This product is no
Antazoline Phosphate	0.5%	longer
		manufactured or
		available.
Niacin	Tablets: 25 mg, 50 mg, 100	8/31/2005
	mg, 500 mg	



DOS Drugs/No Longer MFGR	Strength	End Date
Octoxynol 9 contraceptive	Cream with applicator (gm),	These products
products	foam with applicator (gm),	are no longer
	jelly with applicator (gm)	manufactured or
		available.
Omeprazole Magnesium	Tablets: 20.6 mg	4/30/2016
Pseudoephedrine	Liquid	This product is no
Hydrochloride/Diphenhydramin		longer
e Hydrochloride		manufactured or
		available.
Quinine	Capsules or tablets: 200 mg,	5/1/2007
	325 mg	